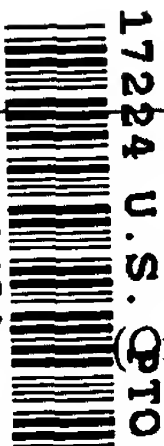


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Attorney Docket No.	0191.02
First Inventor	Julie M. Tarara et al.
Title	Apparatus and Method for Measuring the Mass of Vegetation or Fruit Support on a Trellis
Express Mail Label No.	EU 985174980 US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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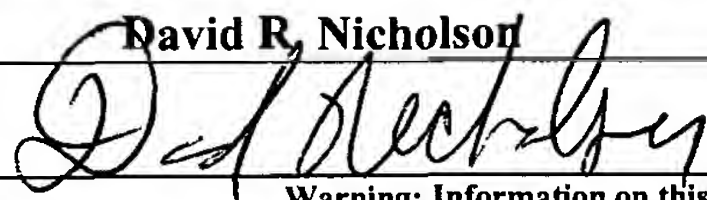
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